

Dear Children of the Most High,

My heart beats to know the love and will of God. God created us with a divine longing to have deep and intimate relationships. I firmly believe there is a great desire in all of humanity generally to receive affirmation, acceptance, and blessing. Many unfortunately seek other forms of short-term pleasures to try and obtain some form of peace. Looking for peace by our own rules leads to pain, disaster, and depression. Which judging by the data and reports today these factors are well in existence; however, tapping back into the purpose of our existence we can regain a positive attitude knowing that we are created to know the love of God that passes all human comprehension.

There are so many obligations, commitments, and tasks that we are held accountable for today. But the question I have is how many of those obligations, commitments, and tasks are really yours? How many of those obligations, commitments, and tasks did you sign up for haphazardly because you could not say "no"? How many of those obligations, commitments, and tasks were you guilted into doing because you felt the pressure to pick up something else to try and relieve a void in your life? Just a line of questions, but extremely valid.

My ministry, my quest for Truth, my attempt to be the very best servant-leader (God pleaser - and not man pleaser) would ask **"Is it well with your soul?"** If I don't ask you that intimate - relational question then I am not a true follower of the Way (a Christian), nor am I a true under-shepherd (pastor). This question means everything. So easy is it to psycho-analyze the alcoholic, the drug addict, and the massive amount of other social plagues that harm society, but how about the quote "normal" people? What is normal? The question today - right now remains **"Is it well with your soul?"**

Sunday we will give honor and recognition for our fathers. This is an important date to remember for the efforts of building a strong society, and for the awareness of a much higher meaning - as to incorporate a Father's Day message into the greater realm called the Church. I am not naive to pretend and think that everyone has had a perfect father. Fathers are humans just like everyone else who has a free will and an opportunity to follow God's higher call for life, or a misguided - misdirected path. For the ladder, this truth saddens me. I fit within this category as I think about

my own childhood memories . . . but thanks be to God that God is the heavenly Father that loves eternally (something we just don't quite figure out alone).

This Sunday I will enjoy this day with you, and I am excited about what our Father who art in heaven will say. I'm sure the question will be asked **"Is it well with your soul?"** The heavenly Father is the One who connects us together into divine cohabitation so that we can receive affirmation, acceptance, and blessing. This proclamation is best witnessed in the context of the ordained Church that almighty God implemented by the sacrificial love of Christ Jesus. The Heavenly Father never places more on us than we can bear, and we are not alone in this calling. Because of the heart connection between the Son and the Father, Christ was able to succeed. Jesus never did, said, or acted upon anything else outside of the Will of the Father. This my friends is why we can enjoy freedom! But this freedom must be cultivated and understood daily. In other words, that is why you must work on your relationships; your relationship with God, with yourself, and with your neighbors. If you do this you will discover and enjoy peace, regardless of the atmosphere of the times.

Is it well with your soul - From the Heart of the Pastor . . .

Pastor Cory

(It's All about Jesus) <{ { { } > <

TRINITY SUNDAY LECTIONARY READINGS: Genesis 1:1-2:4a / Psalm 8 / 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 / Matthew 28:16-20

Our Vision: **LOVE JESUS - LOVE OTHERS - TEACH OTHERS TO LOVE JESUS**

2014 Theme: **Abide in Christ and Bear Much Fruit**

COMMIT TO MEMORY SCRIPTURE 2014

Matthew 5:3-16 NRSV 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

COMMIT TO READING DAILY MATTHEW 5:3-7:27 2014

Ushers for June: Gary Tidrick class; **Liturgist for June 22:** Mike Gray (8:30), Bill Eure (11:00); **Hospitality Greeters for June 22:** Myrt New; **Acolytes for June 22:** Margaret Hudson & Jarred Carter; **Nursery Volunteer for June 22:** Janet Clarke; **Flowers for June 22:** Cindy Dixon; **Paraments for June:** **White** (1st, 15th), **Red** (8th), **Green** (22nd, 29th); **Church Checkers for June:** Bill Grizzard & Rob Nixon

Ministry Staff

Reverend Cory B. Oliver, Pastor
Tawnya Gray, Administrative Assistant

Jane Nixon, Organist/Choir Director
Marion Hudson, Youth Director

Our Vision:

"Love Jesus - Love Others - Teach Others to Love Jesus"

2014 Theme:

The Year to Abide in Christ and Bear Much Fruit

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Worship Bulletin for the 11:00 a.m. service

*A Father's Heart
Reflects*



*God's Love For
His Children*

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*Order of Worship June 15, in the year of our Lord
2014 ~ Worship Service 11AM*

Announcements & Guest Recognition 10:55AM Pastor Cory B. Oliver

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Cory B. Oliver

Prelude "God is So Good" John D. Horman
Children's Choir and Chancel Choir Men

Chiming of the Hour Nancy Northington

Address to the People Bill Amerson
For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. (Romans 8:14-16)

Introit "Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus) from German Mass II" Franz Schubert

+Call to Worship "Thou Art Worthy" FWS 2041

+Father's Day Prayer Bill Amerson

Brief silent prayer following each petition

For our fathers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them respect and love, we pray to the Lord . . . (Silence)

For fathers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them, we pray to the Lord . . . (Silence)

For men, though without children of their own, who like fathers have nurtured and cared for us, we pray to the Lord . . . (Silence)

For fathers, who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to their children and have not sustained their families, we pray to the Lord . . . (Silence)

God our Father, in your wisdom and love You made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen. (BOW 441)

+Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Prayers of the People Bill Amerson

+Psalter Lesson & Response Psalm 8, UMH 743-744 Bill Amerson

+Hymn of Praise "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" vs. 1 & 4 UMH 79

God's Holy Offering
Offertory Anthem "Bring Many Names" WESTCHASE
Miranda Wheeler, soloist

+Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

+Gospel Lesson Matthew 28:16-20 NRSV Bill Amerson
Leader: The Word of God. For the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Prophetic Word "Is It Well With Your Soul" Pastor Cory B. Oliver

Family Altar Time "Anointing Fall Fresh On Me"

+Hymn of Assurance "Freely, Freely" UMH 389

+Benediction **"You Are Sent Forth to Abide in Christ and Bear Much Fruit"**

+Postlude "Faith of Our Fathers" Words and Music by Frederick W.
Faber, Henry F. Hemy, and J. G. Walton

+If you are able please stand.

Appreciation is given to the following people for help with the music today: Cheryl Brown, Nancy Northington, Linda Raim, and Jim Register.

The “Family Choir” will now be singing on most fourth Sundays. Optional rehearsal will be at 10:45 in the choir room. Otherwise, just come sing! Please contact Jane at 537-2173 if you are interested in singing.

We encourage each of you to sign your name, address, phone/cell phone and email address on the pew pad located at the end of your pew. Thank you

Prayer Concerns: Stockton Brown (Dan & Cheryl Brown’s niece), Sarah Burroughs (Mary-Frances Fisher’s granddaughter), Bobbi Conner (Peggy & Bill Hudson’s niece), Justine, 16 years old (Lucille & Charles Davis great niece), Lucy (Shirley Lucas’ nephew, Brad’s girlfriend), Becky Evans (friend of Fran Conner’s), Ryan Evans and family, Margaret Long (Faye Pierce’s sister), Jimmie Gilreath (Joan Gilstrap’s father) Charles Murphy (Sonya & Bruce Pierce’s son-in-law), Chad Oliver (kidney transplant scheduled for June 23; 721 Rockville Rd., Wake Forest, NC 27587), Pastor Cory and family, Thad L. Pearson II (Patsy Towe’s nephew; 1903 McDonald Ave., Hamlet, NC 28345), Jerry Smith, Phyllis Whitman (Tawnya Gray’s aunt). If you have someone you would like to add to the prayer list, please contact Tawnya during the week. Thank you

Sympathy: First United Methodist Church expresses its sympathy to Betsy Manieri and families upon the death of her mother, Betty Godwin (93 years old), who passed away June 7. A Memorial Service is scheduled for Friday, June 20, at 2:00 p.m. (time - tentative) in our Chapel. Condolences may be sent to Mrs. Betsy Manieri and family, 310 Folly Farm Circle, Mt. Airy, NC 27030.

Flowers on the Altar: The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in memory of our fathers on Father’s Day and in honor of Jim on his 80th birthday, June 18, given by Joan Register.

A Newcomers Visitation Team is being formed and we would like for you to be a part of this ministry. We are a caring and friendly church to all guests, but as Pastor Cory has said, we fall short when it comes to following through with our welcome after the Sunday morning service. Please join us for a brief meeting on Sunday, June 22, at 3PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Equipping The United Methodist Church to Do Justice in Jesus’ Name: When you give on **Peace With Justice Sunday, June 15**, your gift makes possible our critical kingdom work in the world. Because you give:

- Methodists spearhead a peace ministry uniting Arizona border communities
- United Methodists in Liberia are being equipped to implement the denomination’s Social Principles to address social-justice issue
- Pennsylvania students are educating their community about sex-trafficking at home and abroad

These initiatives, and hundreds of other ones, are possible because you give. **Your Giving Makes Possible the Proclamation of Christ’s Peace!** Will you continue to support Peace With Justice Sunday? Will you empower local Christians—in Pennsylvania and Arizona and Liberia—to build the kingdom of peace that Jesus ushered in? In Jesus’ inaugural address, standing in his home synagogue in Nazareth, he detailed his game plan, *“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” (Luke 4:18-19).* Through your giving good news is proclaimed to—and experienced by—the poor. Thanks be to God!

SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM: June 16 – August 15, 1:00 AM – 1:30 PM (Monday – Friday) - Our purpose is to provide nutritious lunch's for children when school is not in session. There are five components in the meals: Protein, Grain, Fruit, Vegetable, and Milk. Participants must eat on site but may take with them a piece of fruit, a bag of chips, a single item, not the entire meal. This regulation is to insure the participant actually receives the benefit of the meal. **"SCHOOL TAKES A VACATION - HUNGER DOES NOT"!!!!**

Stewardship Team Meeting: Tuesday, June 17, at 7:00 p.m. in room 207 (top floor)

June Newsletter is available in the narthex for you to pick up! Thank you.

No Wed. Chancel Choir rehearsals until August 6

Volunteers Needed! Volunteers needed to help with Fish Fry in the following areas:

- Sell tickets
- Help wash and cut potatoes on Thursday, June 26, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall
- Help deliver plates on Friday, June 27
- Assembles plates
- Cashiers

Sign up on the sheet provided in the narthex or by calling the church office, 537-2173 ext. 2. Thank you

Spanish Camp: Attention children ages four years to sixteen years old! Would you like to learn Spanish? Mrs. Myra Belgreat, teacher at K.I.P.P, will be holding a Spanish Camp on July 7 through 11 and July 14 through 18 in the T.R. Jenkins classroom, room 211 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. If you are interested please contact the church office by June 30 (537-2173 ext. 2)

2014 North Carolina Conference Mission U (formerly School of Missions): Methodist University, 5400 Ramsey St., Fayetteville, NC – July 17 – 19: Thursday Night (4:30 – 9:15 p.m.) class, Friday morning (8:00 a.m. – 12:30 P.M.) class, Studies: How is it With your Soul? And The Church and People w/Disabilities

- **Friday Full Day Class** (8:00 – 5:00 p.m.) – Studies: The Roma of Europe, The Church and People w/Disabilities, How is it With your Soul?
- **Friday Night** (4:30 – 9:15) Saturday Morning (8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.) – Studies: How is it With your Soul? And The Church and People w/Disabilities
- **Saturday Full Day Class** (8:15 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) – Study: How is it With your Soul?

Registration must be postmarked by July 8, 2014. Fee - \$20.00, Lunch - \$10.00. Registration form available – contact 535-5205.

Need Your Car Washed or Cleaned Out? Contact Brandon Oliver, 252-489-5482

Vacation Bible School: August 3rd—7th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.---Theme---“Gangway to Galilee”---Focus on the “Teachings of Jesus”—1st---Jesus Calls us—2nd---Jesus teaches us—3rd---Jesus keeps us safe—4th---Jesus saves us—5th---Jesus provides for all—If you would like to be part of this great adventure and Share with our youth, contact Marion Hudson or Bill Eure or Call the Church office---What a great outreach this week will be—Praise the Lord! Mark your calendars!

NC Conference United Methodist Women Extra Mile Giving: Opportunity to send a Gift of Mission card for a special occasion to brighten someone’s day. Cards are \$5.00 each. A display of cards is in the narthex. Place your order on the sheet provided. Make check payable to FUMC-UMW. Thank you for your support to missions.

Matthew 28:16-20 NRSV

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”^[a]

This Week’s Schedule

Sunday

8:25 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
9:45 a.m.
10:50 a.m.

Monday

8:00 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
12:00 noon

Tuesday

8:00 a.m.
12:00 noon
9:30 a.m.
12:00 noon
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

7:00 a.m.
8:00 a.m.
12:00 noon

Thursday

8:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
12:00 noon
7:00 p.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m.
12:00 noon
2:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:25 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
9:45 a.m.
10:15 a.m.
10:50 a.m.
3:00 p.m.

June 15: Happy Father’s Day!

Peace with Justice Special Offering Sunday

Announcement Time/Chapel Service (8:30 a.m.) - Chapel (nursery provided)
AgapeConnect Worship Service (non-traditional service) –Fellowship Hall
Coffee, juice, donuts - hallway on main floor by elevator/Sunday School for all ages
Worship Service – Sanctuary (nursery provided)

June 16

Little Angels Playgroup (ages 14 months to 5 years old) – Nursery (till 5:00)
Monday morning Ecumenical Bible Study – Ruth Oakes Classroom
Summer Feeding Program – Fellowship Hall (till 1:00)

June 17

Little Angels Playgroup (ages 14 months to 5 years old) – Nursery (till 5:00)
Prayer Team – Chris Spivey Classroom
Monday morning Ecumenical Bible Study – Ruth Oakes Classroom
Summer Feeding Program – Fellowship Hall (till 1:00)
Stewardship Team Meeting – Third Floor, room 207

June 18 No Wednesday Chancel Choir Practice till August 6

Taylor Oakes (Men’s) Prayer Breakfast –Fellowship Hall
Little Angels Playgroup (ages 14 months to 5 years old) – Nursery (till 5:00)
Summer Feeding Program – Fellowship Hall (till 1:00)

June 19

Little Angels Playgroup (ages 14 months to 5 years old) – Nursery (till 5:00)
Dr. Robert Radson (Psychological evaluations) – Church Library
Visitation Team Meeting – T.R. Jenkins Class, room 211
Summer Feeding Program – Fellowship Hall (till 1:00)
N.A.M.I. Meeting – Ruth Oakes Classroom

June 20: Church Office opened till 12:00 noon

Little Angels Playgroup (ages 14 months to 5 years old) – Nursery (till 5:00)
Summer Feeding Program – Fellowship Hall (till 1:00)
Memorial Service for Betty Godwin - Chapel

June 22

Announcement Time/Chapel Service (8:30 a.m.) – Chapel (nursery provided)
AgapeConnect Worship Service (non-traditional service) – Fellowship Hall
Coffee, juice, donuts - hallway on main floor by elevator/Sunday School for all ages
Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
Announcement Time/Worship Service (11:00 a.m.) – Sanctuary (nursery provided)
A Newcomers Visitation Team – Fellowship Hall

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FISH PLATE SALE



FRIDAY, JUNE 27
11:00 AM – 1:30 PM

\$8.00 per plate

Includes:

Fish, boiled potatoes, hushpuppies, and slaw

Tickets available in the Narthex or by calling the church office,
537-2173 ext. 2

Delivery Service available for 10 or more plates!